

Eligibility Groups Summary

Alabama Medicaid Agency

Eligibility Group	Includes	Federal Requirement	Meets or Exceeds
NURSING HOME/ INSTITUTIONALIZED	Nursing home; extended hospital awaiting nursing home placement; facilities for the mentally ill or retarded	2004 SSI income limits at \$584 for individual and \$866 for couple. 2004 SSI resource limits at \$2000 for individual and \$3000 for a couple. These are minimum resource limits.	Exceeds. AL covers institutionalized individuals with income up to 300% of the SSI income level. The minimum requirement is 100% of SSI rule. In addition we are required to cover individuals under the NH program who establish a qualifying trust.
SSI-RELATED	Widow/Widower; Disabled Adult Child; Grandfathered Cases; continuous (PICKLE); retroactive SSI; children of SSI mothers	Income guidelines set annually at federal level. For 2004, individual income \$584.	Meets minimum federal requirements. AL does not utilize the option to cover optional supplementary payment groups. AL does not utilize the OBRA 86 option for aged and disabled persons with incomes up to 100% of the FPL
MEDICARE-RELATED	Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries; Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries; Qualifying Income Individuals	QMB-income below 100% FPL; SLMB-income between 101%-120% FPL; QI-1-between 121%-135%	Meets minimum income requirements. However we apply less restrictive methodology to the calculation. Fluctuating income may be averaged for the past six months and projected for 12 months; in-kind support and maintenance is not counted as income; interest and dividend income is not counted in determining eligibility; and all resources are disregarded.
PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN	Pregnant women and children under the age of 19	Infants born to Medicaid eligible pregnant women have coverage through the first year of life; Children under age 6 and pregnant women with family income below 133% of the FPL; children age six but under age 20 (6-19) up to 100% of the FPL.	Meets minimum income requirements for pregnant women and children under age 19. AL does <u>not</u> utilize option to cover family income up to 185% of the FPL. AL does not impose optional assets/ resource test.
MEDICAID FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES	Low income families with children	Section 1931 of the SSA who meet eligibility requirements in the State's AFDC plan in effect on July 16, 1996.	Meets federal income requirements but is well below the national average. Covers only 15% of poverty families.
OPTIONAL FEDERAL CATEGORIES	Breast and Cervical Cancer; Homebound waiver; MR/DD waiver; E&D waiver; OBRA waiver; Plan First waiver	AL utilizes option 1915 (c) of the SSA to cover individuals who meet the institutional level of care but desire to remain at home and receive care under the MR/DD, E&D, Homebound or OBRA waiver.	The MR/DD, Homebound, E&D and OBRA waiver are optional services that provide a cost savings to the agency. Otherwise these individuals would be in more costly nursing home settings. The federal optional Breast and Cervical Cancer Option was passed into AL law as a mandated service. The Plan First Waiver continues to be a cost effective waiver by reducing costs for unplanned pregnancies.
ALL OTHER	Emergency Services for Aliens; Department of Youth Services Children; DHR Foster Children; Adopted Children; Refugees, etc.	Title IV-E covers adoption and foster care	AL meets requirements for aliens ER services. AL does not utilize option to cover TB infected individuals. AL utilizes option to cover children in state custody up to age 21 who meet income and resource guidelines for AFDC and have special medical needs. Refugee services are 100% reimbursed by the refugee resettlement program.